Construction of Alwar Mathura Broad Gauge Railway lone

1245. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the year in which t'ne work on Alwar-Mathura Broad Gauge railway line was sanctioned;

(b) what has been the year-wise progress in terms of expenditure and physical achievement of the target in this regard;

(c) when the railway line is likely to be finally commissioned; and

(d) what was tha original estimate and What is likely to be the total expenditure by the time the project is completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 1984-85.

(b) Year-wise expenditure and progress are as under:—

Year	Expenditure Rs. crore.	Physical % progress upto the year
1984-85 . . .	1·36	2
1985-86 . . .	1·32	5
1986-87 . . .	1·50	8

(c) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the com ing years.

(d) Original estimated cost is Rs. 34.75 crores. Total expenditure on completion will depend on comple tion period and rates prevailing du ring this perid.

Dieselisation of Chetak Express

1246. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have [rej] ceived representation from Members of Parliament during the last three years regarding dieselisation of the Chetak Express running between Delhi and Udaipur;

(b) if so, when Government propose to dieselise this train; and

(c) what are the criteria in the selection of trains for dieselisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to shortage of diesel loco-motives and weak track structure on the Ajmer-Udaipur section, dieselisation has not been found feasible.

(c) Subjet to availability of diesel engines, long distance train with long loads are given preference.

Conversion of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur Rail Track to Broad Gauge

1247. DR. H. P. SHARMA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the techno-economic survey on the conversion of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur metre gauge track into broad gauge ha$_s$ been completed and if so, what ar$_e$ its fundings; and

(b) what is the estimated cost and period in which the project would be completed?

THE MIINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Traffic Appraisal sur-very for this conversion has recently been completed. As per project report, the estimated cost for conver-s^{5}on of this 131 kms. section is Rs. 55.09 crores. Decision on the project has not been taken yet.